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COINS OF THE AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

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## P R E F A C E.

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THE coins of the Khalifehs of the House of Umayyeh possess an interest peculiarly their own. Unlike those of the 'Abbāsīs, historically they are of little value. But it is not from the historian's standpoint that we should view them. Their true worth lies in their being the first purely-Mohammadan coinage that was issued by the Arabs. We picture to ourselves the Khalifeh 'Abd-El-Melik, wearied with the difficulties and ignominy of an adopted currency, calling together the wise men of his court, and constructing a new coinage, full of the spirit that had fired the East and well-nigh conquered the world. We cannot but be struck with the contrast between these early Muslim issues and the Byzantine and late Sassanian coins which were at first adopted by the Arabs. The difference between the debased art of the Byzantine and the decayed ruins of what had once been the fine Sassanian coinage, on the one hand, and the simple chaste outlines of the first standard coins of the Muslims, on the other, is the difference between decrepit and demoralized nations and a people full of the fresh vigour of youth. There is a power in the design of these earliest monuments of El-Islām for which we may look in vain among coinages contemporary with it; and the strong bold lines of the Kūfī character well express the mighty impulse which urged on the followers of the Prophet.

It is not only as the expression of the power of the greatest revolution which the Middle Ages witnessed that these coins

are to be prized. Though their historical worth is slight, and scarcely, in fact, bears upon anything but the territorial extent of the Muslim empire, yet palaeographically they are greatly to be valued, as the earliest and most authoritative examples of the Kūfī character, the progenitor of the characters now in use from Morocco to India. Moreover, as their Prophet sternly discouraged the fine arts, the Arabs devoted themselves with exceptional success to the study of calligraphy. They had a character well worth cultivating, one of which we see the earliest record on the Amawī coins, and of which the latest and perhaps most beautiful form is the Naskhī of modern Egypt.

It has been the happiness of Oriental Numismatists to have received last year an exhaustive work on the coins of the Eastern Khalifehs,\* both Amawī and 'Abbāsī, from the hands of Dr. Wold. Tiesenhausen. To overestimate the value of this book is impossible, and we cannot be too grateful to Dr. Tiesenhausen for the labour he has bestowed upon the work,—labour which was not illspent, for it has conferred upon the science of numismatics a benefit such as few have been able to give.

Dr. Tiesenhausen has placed before us the whole coinage of the Khalifehs of the East so far as that coinage was published. There are, however, some collections with respect to the contents of which little or nothing is publicly known. Such, so far as Oriental coins are concerned, are the cabinets of Paris, London, and of Col. Seton Guthrie.†

It is with the view of remedying this defect, as to Col. Guthrie's collection at least, and of supplementing Dr.

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\* *Monnaies des Khalifes Orientaux*, 4to., St. Petersb., 1873. I refer to this book throughout by the initial (T.) after every edited coin.

† Of this last, indeed, some large portions have been published by Mr. Thomas.

Tiesenhausen's work with some thirty or forty unpublished coins, that this Catalogue has been drawn up. The series which it describes is scarcely, if at all, inferior to the corresponding portion in the British Museum, and an estimate may be formed of the rarities contained in it by reference to the list of Inedited coins at the end: the dīnār of Afrīkiyeh, and the dirhems of Sarakhs 99, Sūk-el-Ahwāz 79, and Meysān 95, 96, are especially noteworthy. The last coin in the series, struck by the advocate of the 'Abbāsīs, Abū-Muslim, is very curious, though already published.

The arrangement of the coins in this Catalogue is entirely new. I have separated the gold from the silver, and classed the latter under Mints instead of under Khalifehs. At present I will only say that this arrangement is far more convenient for reference, and I will reserve the ground for the adoption of this classification for an essay, which I hope before long to bring out, on the Coinage of the Amawī Khalifehs, in which I propose treating of several points in this coinage which have hitherto been overlooked or not investigated as they deserve.

The copper issues of the Amawīs I keep back to be described in connection with the 'Abbāsī copper, after the gold and silver of the 'Abbāsīs have been catalogued.

An important feature in this Catalogue is the invariable registration of the annulets which surround the marginal inscriptions.\* The diacritical and other points, also, are recorded whenever they occur. These with the annulets will take a prominent place in my future essay.

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\* Prof. J. G. Stickel of Jena, unlike most numismatists, has paid attention to this detail of recording the annulets: this is only one of the many distinguishing points which raise his *Handbuch zur morgenländischen Münzkunde* (erstes Heft, 1845, Omajaden- und Abbasiden-Münzen) to the very first rank amongst the classics of numismatics, if I may use the term.

The plates accompanying the Catalogue are designed to give a tolerably complete view of the Amawī coinage, and with that object are unusually numerous. The photographic (Autotype) process by which they were produced insures the exact representation of any peculiarities that appear on the coins. The figures on the plates refer to the numbers in the Catalogue.

Exception will probably be taken to my method of spelling Oriental names. Notably the word *Amawī*, as a substitute for the time-honoured but most objectionable mongrel *Ommiade*, will be considered an unwarrantable innovation. The only other grammatical form—and this would be equally offensive to Ommiadists—is *Umauī*, and to this *Amawī* is undoubtedly to be preferred.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to my kind friend Col. Guthrie for the free use he has permitted me to make of the whole of his valuable collection, and for the confidence in me which he has shown by putting the present work into my hands.

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BRITISH MUSEUM,  
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In the Catalogue I have, like Dr. Tiesenhausen, followed the Arabic order of alphabet; but in the Indexes the English, for convenience of reference.

## AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

A.H. 41—132. A.D. 661<sub>-2</sub>—749<sub>-50</sub>.

		A.H.	A.D.
1. Mo'āwiyyeh I.	ascended the throne	41	661 <sub>-2</sub>
2. Yezīd ibn-Mo'āwiyyeh	,	60	679 <sub>-80</sub>
3. Mo'āwiyyeh II. ibn-Yezīd	,	64	683 <sub>-4</sub>
4. Marwān I. ibn-El-Hākim	,	64	684
5. 'Abd-El-Melik ibn-Marwān	,	65	684 <sub>-5</sub>
6. El-Welīd I. ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,	86	705
7. Suleymān ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,	96	714 <sub>-5</sub>
8. 'Omar ibn-'Abd-El-'Azīz	,	99	717 <sub>-8</sub>
9. Yezīd II. ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,	101	719 <sub>-20</sub>
10. Hishām ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,	105	723 <sub>-4</sub>
11. El-Welīd II. ibn-Yezīd	,	125	742 <sub>-3</sub>
12. Yezīd III. ibn-El-Welīd I.	,	126	743 <sub>-4</sub>
13. Ibrāhīm ibn-El-Welīd I.	,	126	744
14. Marwān II. ibn-Mohammad	,	127	744 <sub>-5</sub>
End of dynasty		132	749 <sub>-50</sub>

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# AMAWI KHALIFEHS.

## GOLD.

1.

Year 78.

I. Area.

الله لا  
الله وحده  
لا شريك له

Margin. محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره  
على الدين كله ولو كره المشركون

II. Area.

الله احد الله  
الحمد لم يلد  
ولم يولد

Margin. بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين في سنة ثمان وسبعين

AN (T. 274)

2.

Year 79. (في سنة تسع وسبعين).

AN (T. 275)

3.

سنة احادي وثمانين (Year 81).

شريك ضرب احد Points.

AN (cf. T. 290)

4.

سنة ثنتين وثمانين (Year 82).

پولد Points.

N (Inedited)

5.

سنة ثلاث وثمانين (Year 83).

پولد Points.

N (T. 301)

6.

سنة اربع وثمانين (Year 84).

پولد Points.

N (T. 305)

7.

سنة ست وثمانين (Year 86).

ضرب Point.

N (T. 311)

8.

سنة ثمان وثمانين (Year 88).

الدبر Points.

N (T. 318)

9.

سنة تسع وثمانين (Year 89).

الدبر Points.

N (T. 322)

10.

سنة احدى وتسعين (Year 91),

ضرب پولد Points.

N (T. 345)

11.

سنة ثنتين وتسعين (Year 92).

ضرب Point.

N (T. 363)

12.

سنة اربع وتسعين (Year 94).

N (T. 393)

13.

سنة خمس وتسعين (Year 95).

A (T. 410)

14.

سنة ست وتسعين (Year 96).

A (T. 431)

15.

سنة سبع وتسعين (Year 97).

A (T. 442)

16.

سنة ثمان وتسعين (Year 98).

Point. صرب

A (T. 454)

17.

سنة تسع وتسعين (Year 99).

Point. صرب

A (T. 467)

18.

سنة مائة (Year 100).\*

Point. صرب

A (T. 475)

19.

سنة احدى مائة (Year 101).

Point. صرب

A (T. 489)

20.

سنة ثنتين مائة (Year 102).

Point. صرب

A (Inedited. cf. T. 495)

\* My system of transcribing coin-inscriptions does not permit me to write the hemzeh over the middle letter of مائة, and the two dots which some writers put beneath are orthographically inadmissible.

21.

سنة ثلث و مدة (Year 103).

صرب Point.

N (T. 502)

22.

سنة اربع و مدة (Year 104).

N (T. 509)

23.

سنة خمس و مدة (Year 105).

صرب Point.

N (*Inedited*)

24.

سنة ست و مدة (Year 106).

سست Points.

N (T. 528)

25.

سنة احدى عشرة و مدة (Year 111).

N (cf. T. 555)

26.

سنة عشرين و مدة (Year 120).

N (T. 601)

27.

سنة احدى وعشرين و مدة (Year 121).

N (T. 609)

28.

سنة ثنتين وعشرين و مدة (Year 122).

N (cf. T. 613)

29.

باfricanية سنة اثننتين وعشرين و مدة (Afrīkiyeh year 122).

مسنون Point.

Beneath rev. area two points, which do not, I think, belong to يولد (Wāsiṭ).

N (*Inedited*)

This is one of the very few minted dīnārs struck by the Amawīs or their deputies: the only others being those of Wāsiṭ 99, and El-Andalus 102 and 103.

30.

Year 124 (سنة اربع وعشرين ومسة).

A (T. 617)

31.

Year 126 (سنة ست وعشرين ومسة).

A (T. 625)

## SILVER.

أبرشهر

ABRASHAHR.

32.

Year 92.

I. A.

الله الا

الله وحده

لا شريك له

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدرهم بابرشهر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين. M.

II. A.

الله احد الله

الصمد لم يلد و

لم يولد ولم يكن

له كفوا احد

محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على  
الدين كله ولو كره المشركونThe obv. inscrip. inclosed by triple serrate circle, outside which  
five annulets, and then an outer serrate circle. Rev. area inscr.

separated from marg. inscr. by single serrate circle; marg. inscr. inclosed by single serrate circle, outside which five annulets, then outer serrate circle.

Point. اسمن

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

*AR (Inedited)*

## اردشیر خرّة

### ARDESHIR KHURRAH.

33.

(باردشیر خرّة فی سنة تسعین) Year 90.

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 332)

34.

(باردشیر خرّة فی سنة احدی وتسعین) Year 91.

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2724)

35.

(باردشیر خرّة فی سنة ست وتسعین) Year 96.

Annulets as on (32).

(*Inedited*)

36.

(باردشیر خرّة فی سنة ثمان وتسعین) Year 98.

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 458)

37.

(باردشیر خرّة فی سنة تسع وتسعین) Year 99.

Annulets as on (32).

(The word تسع is indistinct.)

(*Inedited*)

أَرْمِينِيَّة

ARMINIYEH.

38.

Year 107 (بِالْأَرْمِينِيَّةِ سَنَةُ سَبْعٍ وَسَعْةٍ).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 532)

إِصْطَخْرٌ

IṢṬAKH R.

39.

Year 90 (بِالْأَصْطَخْرِ فِي سَنَةِ تِسْعِينَ).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 339)

40.

Year 92 (بِالْأَصْطَخْرِ فِي سَنَةِ اثْنَتَيْنِ وَتِسْعِينَ).

لَهُ

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2726)

41.

Year 96 (بِالْأَصْطَخْرِ فِي سَنَةِ سَتِ وَتِسْعِينَ).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2729)

42.

Year 98 (بِالْأَصْطَخْرِ فِي سَنَةِ ثَمَانِ وَتِسْعِينَ).

لَهُ

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 457)

# أُفْرِيقِيَّة

AFRĪKIYEH.

43.

Year 106 (بافريقيية سنة ست و مئة).

Point. ضرف

Annulets I. & II. oo oo oo oo oo

(Inedited)

# الباب

EL-BĀB.

44.

Year 120 (بالباب سنة عشرين و مئة).

Annulets I. ⓧ ⓧ ⓧ ⓧ  
II. o o o o o

(T. 604)

# البصرة

EL-BAŞRAH.

45.

Year 80 (بالبصرة في سنة ثمنين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 283)

46.

Year 81 (بالبصرة في سنة احدى و ثمنين).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 292)

47.

Year 82 (بالبصرة في سنة ثنتين و ثمنين).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 298)

The engraver has omitted to join the ى of ثنتين to the final ن; and, the ى being tall, the word looks like ثنتان.

The preceding three coins, contrary to the analogy of the series, have the conj. و which connects لم يولد with مسنة at the beginning of the third line, instead of at the end of the second.

48.

Year 100 (بالبصرة سنة مسنة).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 478)

49.

Year 101 (بالبصرة سنة احدى ومسنة).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 493)

50.

Year 128 (بالبصرة سنة ثمان وعشرين ومسنة).

Annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Inedited)

### مدينة بلخ البيضا

#### MEDINET BALKH EL-BEYDĀ.

51.

Year 111 (بمدينة بلخ البيضا سنة احدى عشرة ومسنة).

Large point below . وحدة .

Annulets (on obv. points) I. ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙

II. o o o o o

(T. 558)

### التيمرة

#### ET-TEYMERAH.

52.

Year 90 (بالتيمراة في سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 338)

53.

Year 91 (بالتيمراة في سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (52).

(T. 359)

الجزيرة

*EL-JEZIREH.*

54.

Year 129. (بالجزيرة سنة تسع وعشرين ومسة).

Annulets I.	○	○	○	○	○
II.	○	○	○	○	○

(T. 642)

This and the following coin depart, alone of all the series, from the general analogy of the whole class by separating the marg. inscr. of the obv. from the annulets by two instead of three serrate circles, the third circle being removed to the outside of the annulets.

55.

Year 131. (بالجزيرة سنة احدى وثلاثين ومسة).

Annulets and circles as on (54).

(*Inedited*)

جى

J A Y Y.

56.

Year 81. (بجى فى سنة احدى وثمانين).

Annulets I. & II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 293)\*

The conj. و is on this coin placed at the beginning of the third line of the rev., as on nos. 45-47.

57.

Year 94. (بجى فى سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 399)

58.

Year 97. (بجى فى سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(*Inedited*)

(For a coin struck at Jayy by Abū-Muslim in 129 see p. 35).

\* The final letter of احدى, supposed by Frähn (apud T.) to be ا, is, I think, really the back-turned form (ـ) of ى, badly executed.

## دَبِيلٌ

D E B I L.

59.

Year 84 (بِدَبِيلٍ سَنَةُ أَرْبَعٍ وَّثَمَنِينَ).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

The final letter of دَبِيلٌ does not extend above the line of the tops of the preceding ي and ب, and would therefore appear to be a ر or ن: but I am nevertheless of opinion that the word is Debīl, partly because none of the *rēs* occurring on the coin extends below the line of the connecting strokes of ب and س and such-like letters, whilst this final letter does so extend; and partly because Debīl is already a known mint (cf. T. 314) and the capital of Armenia, whereas Debīr is only a village near Nīsābūr. The other alternative, Dubbeyn, does not, so far as I know, exist as the name of a town: it is mentioned in the Adnotationes to the *Marāṣid el-iṭṭilā'* (T. v. p. 433) as a *district*, 'pagus trans Jordanem prope جَرَاش'.

## دَرَبَجْردٌ

DARĀBJARD.

60.

Year 90 (بِدَرَبَجْردٍ فِي سَنَةِ تِسْعَينَ).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 340)

61.

Year 92 (بِدَرَبَجْردٍ فِي سَنَةِ ثَنَتِينَ وَتِسْعَينَ).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 371)

62.

Year 93 (بِدَرَبَجْردٍ فِي سَنَةِ ثَلَاثَتِينَ وَتِسْعَينَ).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 381)

63.

Year 94 (بدر بجرب في سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 406)

64.

Year 98 (بدر بجرب في سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 463)

## دستوا

D E S T U W Ā.

65.

Year 96 (بدستوا في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 436)

## دمشق

D I M A S H K.

66.

Year 79 (بدمشق في سنة تسع وسبعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 276)

67.

Year 80 (بدمشق في سنة ثمثين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 281)

68.

Year 81 (بدمشق سنة احدى وثمانين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 291)

69.

(بدمشق سنة ثنتين وثمانين). Year 82.

بدمسو Point.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 297)

70.

(بدمشق سنة ثلث وثمانين). Year 83.

بدمسو Point.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 302)

71.

(بدمشق سنة اربع وثمانين). Year 84.

بدمسو Point.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 306)

72.

(بدمشق سنة خمس وثمانين). Year 85.

بدمسو Point.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2722)

73.

(بدمشق سنة ست وثمانين). Year 86.

ست Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 312)

74.

(بدمشق سنة سبع وثمانين). Year 87.

صرب بدمسو Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 315)

75.

Year 88 (بدمشق سنة ثمان وثمانين).

Points. صرب بدمسو

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 319)

76.

Year 89 (بدمشق سنة تسع وثمانين).

Points. صرب بدمسو

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 323)

77.

Year 90 (بدمشق سنة تسعين).

Point. بدمسو

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 326)

78.

Year 91 (بدمشق سنة احدى وتسعين).

Points. صرب بدمسو

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 346)

79.

Year 93 (بدمشق سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Points. صرب بدمسو

Annulets as on (56).

{ (T. 377)

80.

Same :

but no points.

81.

Year 94 (بدمشق سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 394)

82.

Year 95 (بدمشق سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 411)

83.

Year 96 (بدمشق سنة ست وتسعين).

صریب بدمشق ست

Annulets as on (56).

{ (T. 432)

84.

Same:

but no points.

85.

Year 97 (بدمشق سنة سبع وتسعين).

صریب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 443)

86.

Year 98 (بدمشق سنة ثمان وتسعين).

صریب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 455)

87.

Year 99 (بدمشق سنة تسع وتسعين).

صریب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 469)

88.

Year 100 (بدمشق سنة مائة).

صریب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 477)

89.

Year 101 (بدمشق سنة احدى وخمسة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

90.

Year 102 (بدمشق سنة ثنتين وخمسة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 498)

91.

Year 103 (بدمشق سنة ثلث وخمسة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

92.

Year 104 (بدمشق سنة اربع وخمسة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 512)

93.

Year 105 (بدمشق سنة خمس وخمسة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

{ (T. 518)

94.

Same :

but no point.

95.

Year 106 (بـدمشق سنة ست وـمـة).

Point. صـربـ

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 524)

96.

Year 107 (بـدمشق سنة سـبـع وـمـة).

Point. صـربـ

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

97.

Year 108 (بـدمشق سنة ثـمـان وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2746)

98.

Year 111 (بـدمشق سنة اـحـدـى عـشـرـة وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 556)

99.

Year 113 (بـدمشق سنة ثـلـثـة عـشـرـة وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2747)

100.

Year 114 (بـدمشق سنة أـرـبـعـة عـشـرـة وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 571)

101.

Year 115 (بـدمشق سنة خـمـسـة عـشـرـة وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

102.

Year 117 (بـدمشق سنة سـبـعـة عـشـرـة وـمـة).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

103.

بدمشق سنة ثمان عشرة ومسة (Year 118).

Annulets invisible, the coin having been clipped.

(T. 588)

104.

بدمشق سنة احدى وعشرين ومسة (Year 121).

Annulets effaced.

(Inedited)

105.

بدمشق سنة ثلث وعشرين ومسة (Year 123).

لا اله الا

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

106.

بدمشق سنة اربع وعشرين ومسة (Year 124).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

107.

بدمشق سنة سبع وعشرين ومسة (Year 127).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 632)

108.

بدمشق سنة احدى وثلاثين ومسة (Year 131).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2753)

البرى

E R - R A Y Y.

109.

بالرى فى سنة سبع وتسعين (Year 97).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

## سابور

SĀBŪR.

110.

(Year 84). بسابر فی سنه اربع و ثمنين.

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

111.

(Year 91). بسابر فی سنه احدی و تسعين.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 362)

112.

(Year 92). بسابر فی سنه ثنتين و تسعين.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 366)

113.

(Year 93). بسابر فی سنه ثلث و تسعين.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 391)

114.

(Year 94). بسابر فی سنه اربع و تسعين.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 403)

115.

(Year 98). بسابر فی سنه ثمان و تسعين.

Point. بسابر

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 459)

سجستان

S I J I S T Ā N .

116.

Year 90 (بـسجستان فـي سـنة تـسعـين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 335)

117.

Year 93 (بـسجستان فـي سـنة ثـلـث وـتـسعـين).

Annulets as on (56).

(*Inedited*)

سرخس

S A R A K H S . \*

118.

Year 99 (بـسرخـس فـي سـنة تـسـع وـتـسعـين).

A pellet under سـمـاء

Annulets as on (56).

(*Inedited*)

This is the first coin of this mint that has ever been published. The British Museum possesses a similar coin of the year 92, as may be seen by a reference to the plate attached to my essay on the *Mint Characteristics of Arabic Coins*. See also Mr. Thomas's *Comments on Recent Pehlvi Decipherments*, p. 31.

\* The name is also spelt *Sarkhas*, but the orthography I have adopted seems to be held in better esteem.

سُرْقٌ

S U R R A K .

119.

بسرق فى سنة تسعين (Year 90).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 342)

120.

بسرق فى سنة اربع وتسعين (Year 94).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2728)

سُوقُ الْأَهْوَازِ

S Ü K - E L - A H W Á Z .

121.

بسوق الاهوز فى سنة تسع وسبعين (Year 79).

Annulets as on (56).

(*Inedited*)

This is a fifth added to the four hitherto-known mints that struck coins in the year 79: *Dimashk*, *El-Kūfeh*, *Jayy*, *Fīl*, to which we now add *Sūk-el-Ahwāz*.

122.

بسوق الاهوز فى سنة ثمنين (Year 80).

Annulets as on (56).

(*Inedited*)

123.

بسوق الاهوز فى سنة اربع وتسعين (Year 94).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 407)

124.

Year 96 (الهواز فى سنة ست وتسعين).

(The *l* inserted in the word الهاز)

Annulets as on (56).

(cf. T. 2730)

الشامية

*E S H - S H Ā M I Y E H .*

125.

Year 131 (بالشامية سنة احدى وثلاثين وستة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

A similar coin of the same year is to be found in the British Museum (see the table in my *Mint Char., Num. Chron.* n.s. XIII. pl. I).

I am quite unable to identify this mint with any known town. No name corresponding in the least with this is to be found in the *Marāsid-el-iṭṭilā'*, or in Yākūt's works. There can be no doubt whatever as to the name delineated on the coin : every character is perfectly distinct, and we are forced to read **الشامية**, though of course this might be Es-Sāmiyah, by omitting the points : I think the penultimate letter must be a *ى*. There is not the slightest trace of a connection between the *alif* and the following *mīm*, by which the *alif* would be turned into a *lām*. Señ. Camarino seems to read it Es-Sāmiyat (*i.e.* Es-Sāmiyah) : see Mr. Thomas's *Comments*, p. 31.

ڪرمان

K A R M Ā N.\*

126.

Year 90 (ڪرمان فى سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. &amp; II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

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\* This spelling is preferable to *Kirmān*.

127.

Year 97 (كرمان فى سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 2737)

## الكوفة

*E L - K Ü F E H .*

128.

Year 101 (بالكوفة سنة احدى وستة).

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 492)

129.

Year 102 (بالكوفة سنة اثننتين وستة).

Annulets I.	oo	o	oo	o	
II.	o	o	o	o	o

(T. 2743)

130.

Year 129 (بالكوفة سنة تسع وعشرين وستة).

Annulets I.	oo	oo	oo	oo	oo
II.	o	o	o	o	o

(T. 643)

## بماهى

*M A H I .*

131.

Year 90 (بماهى فى سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. &amp; II. o o o o o

(T. 341)

132.

Year 92 (بماهی فی سنة اثنین و تسعین).

Annulets as on (131).

(T. 368)

This is the first coin in this series on which I find the grammatical mistake of using the masculine form اثنین of the dual numeral in adjectival connection with the feminine noun سنت. On all the preceding coins the correct feminine form اثنتین or (contracted) ثنتین has been employed. The latter form ثنتین, which very commonly takes the place of اثنتین, has been almost universally misread by numismatists: they generally transcribe the word as اثنین, although this is grammatically wrong, and moreover (so far as my experience goes) is uniformly opposed to the form of the letter, the connecting line between the first stroke and the second proving the former stroke to be a *thē*. Only one other example of the occurrence of the word اثنین is to be seen in this series, no. 145.

133.

Year 96 (بماهی فی سنة ست و تسعین).

Annulets as on (131).

(Broken.)

(Inedited)

المباركة

EL-MUBĀRAKEH.

134.

Year 108 (بالمبركة سنة ثمان و مئة).

Annulets I.	◎	◎	◎
II.	o	o	o

(Inedited)

135.

Same:

but on I. A. over the ش of شريك three points :::, apparently counterstamped.

136.

Year 117 (بالمبركة سنة سبع عشرة ومية).

Annulets as on (134).

(T. 2749)

## المدار

E L - M E D H Ā R .

137.

Year 96 (بالمدار في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets I. &amp; II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

No coin of this mint has hitherto been published.

## بمرو

M A R W .

138.

Year 91 (بمرو في سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 351)

139.

Year 93 (بمرو في سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 392)

140.

Year 95 (بمرو في سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 418)

141.

Year 96 (بمرو في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(Inedited)

142.

بمروفي سنة سبع وتسعين (Year 97).

Pellet under سَهْ

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 452)

143.

بمروفى سنة تسع وتسعين (Year 99).

Pellet under لَبِرِكَتْ لَ

Annulets as on (137).

It is impossible to say whether the pellet belongs to the word شريك in the area or to the word ف in the margin; and the same may be said with regard to nos. 142 and 118, where the pellet may belong to سَهْ or to لَبِرِكَتْ or to شريك.

(T. 473)

144.

بمروفى سنة عشر وستة (Year 110).

Annulets (in this instance points) I. ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙

II. o o o o o

(T. 548)

145.

بمروفى سنة اثنين وثلاثين وستة (Year 132).

Annulets I. °° °° °° °° °° °° °°

II. o o o o o

(T. 652)

## مَنَادِرُ

M E N Ā D H I R.

146.

بمنادر فى سنة اثننتين وتسعين (Year 92).

Annulets I. &amp; II. o o o o o

(T. 369)

## میسان

M E Y S Ā N .

147.

Year 95 (بمیسان فی سنة خمس و تسعین).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

148.

Year 96 (بمیسان فی سنة ست و تسعین).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

Only one coin (year 83) of this mint has hitherto been known.

## نهرتیری

N A H R - T Ī R Ā .

149.

Year 93 (بنهر تیری فی سنة ثلث و تسعین).

Annulets as on (145).

(Inedited)

150.

Year 94 (بنهر تیری فی سنة اربع و تسعین).

Annulets as on (146).

(T. 408)

## بهراة

H E R Ā H .

151.

Year 90 (بهراة فی سنة تسعین).

Annulets as on (146).

(T. 330)

152.

Year 99 (بهراء في سنة تسع وتسعين).

Two pellets under لا بيريك له

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

## همدان

H A M A D H Ā N.

153.

Year 90 (بهمدن في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

154.

Year 98 (بهمدن في سنة ثمان وتسعين).

(Very much clipped.)

(Inedited)

## واسط

WĀSIT.

155.

Year 85 ( بواسط في سنة خمس وثمانين).

Annulets I. &amp; II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 308)

156.

Year 86 ( بواسط في سنة ست وثمانين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 313)

157.

Year 87 ( بواسط في سنة سبع وثمانين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 316)

158.

(بواسط فى سنة ثمان وثمانين).  
Year 88.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 320)

159.

(بواسط فى سنة تسع وثمانين).  
Year 89.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 324)

160.

(بواسط فى سنة تسعين).  
Year 90.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 327)

161.

(بواسط فى سنة احدى وتسعين).  
Year 91.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 347)

162.

(بواسط فى سنة اثنتين وتسعين).  
Year 92.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 365)

163.

(بواسط فى سنة ثلث وتسعين).  
Year 93.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 378)

164.

(بواسط فى سنة اربع وتسعين).  
Year 94.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 395)

165.

(بواسط فى سنة خمس وتسعين).  
Year 95.

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 412)

166.

Year 96 (ب بواسط فى سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 433)

167.

Year 97 (ب بواسط فى سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 444)

168.

Year 98 (ب بواسط فى سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 456)

169.

Year 99 (ب بواسط سنة تسع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 470)

170.

Same :

but annulets I. oo o o o o

II. o o o o o

171.

Year 101 (ب بواسط سنة احدى وستة).

Annulets clipped away.

(T. 490)

172.

Year 103 (ب بواسط سنة ثلث وستة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(T. 504)

173.

Year 104 (بواسط سنة اربع و مدة).

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 511)

174.

Year 105 (بواسط سنة خمس و مدة).

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 519)

175.

Year 106 (بواسط سنة ست و مدة).

Annulets I.    oo    oo    oo

II.        o    o    o    o    o

(T. 525)

176.

Year 107 (بواسط سنة سبع و مدة).

Annulets I.    @    @    @

II.        o    o    o    o    o

(T. 531)

177.

Year 108 (بواسط سنة ثمان و مدة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 535)

178.

Year 109 (بواسط سنة تسع و مدة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 540)

179.

Year 110 (بواسط سنة عشر و مدة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 545)

180.

Year 111 (بواسط سنة احدى عشرة و مدة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 557)

181.

ب بواسط سنة اثنتي عشرة و مدة (Year 112).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 561)

182.

ب بواسط سنة ثلث عشرة و مدة (Year 113).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 564)

183.

ب بواسط سنة اربع عشرة و مدة (Year 114).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 570)

184.

ب بواسط سنة خمس عشرة و مدة (Year 115).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 575)

185.

ب بواسط سنة ست عشرة و مدة (Year 116).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 577)

186.

ب بواسط سنة سبع عشرة و مدة (Year 117).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 584)

187.

ب بواسط سنة ثمان عشرة و مدة (Year 118).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 589)

188.

ب بواسط سنة تسعة عشرة و مدة (Year 119).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 593)

189.

Year 120 (بواسط سنة عشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 603)

190.

Year 121 (بواسط سنة احدى وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○  
II. o o o o o

(T. 610)

191.

Year 122 (بواسط سنة اثنين وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 614)

192.

Year 123 (بواسط سنة ثلث وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 616)

193.

Year 124 (بواسط سنة اربع وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 618)

194.

Year 125 (بواسط سنة خمس وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 622)

195.

Year 126 (بواسط سنة ست وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 627)

196.

Same :

but annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○  
II. o o o o

197.

Same :

but annulets I.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
II.	○	○	○	○	○		

It is not till we remember that in the year 126 fell part of the reign of each of three Khalifehs (El-Welid II., Yezid III., and Ibrāhīm), that the full significance of these three arrangements of annulets in this year is seen. For a discussion of the whole question of the use of annulets I must refer the student to my forthcoming Essay on the Amawī coinage.

198.

Year 127 (بواسط سنة سبع وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 633)

199.

Year 128 (بواسط سنة ثمان وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 637)

200.

Year 129 (بواسط سنة تسع وعشرين وسنة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 641)

201.

Same :

but annulets I.	oo	oo	oo	oo	oo
II.	o	o	o	o	o

202.

Year 130 (بواسط سنة ثلاثين وسنة).

Annulets as on (201).

(T. 645)

203.

Year 131 (بواسط سنة احدى وثلاثين وسنة).

Annulets as on (201).

(T. 649)

## CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THE AMAWĪS AND 'ABBĀSĪS.

204.

**Jayy. 129.**

I. A.

الله الا  
الله وحده  
لا شريك له

M. int. قل لا اسلكم عليه اجرا الا المودة في القربى

M. ext. بسم الله ضرب بمحى سنة تسعة وعشرين وستة

II. A.

الله احد الله  
الحمد لم يلد و  
لم يولد ولم يكن  
له كفوا احد

محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين  
كله ولو كره المشركون

(T. 2759)

On the reverse the annulets are six, o o o o o o, not between the words, but outside, as usual.

This is one of the remarkable class of coins (of which about eight are known) struck by Abū-Muslim, the energetic leader who set the representative of El-'Abbās on the throne of the Khilāfah, and overthrew the power of the Amawīs in the East. It thus forms a link between the Amawī coinage and the regular 'Abbāsī currency. Though the coin above described does not present the name of Abū-Muslim, there can be no doubt as to its attribution, on account of the introduction of the new and very suggestive marginal inscription: 'Say, I will not ask of you any reward, but love to [my] kindred.'

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